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In re Patent Application of:  
Richard Bates

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-8, 11-16, 19, and 20 please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows and consider the following remarks:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.